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SUBJECT: AGAINST BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ZAIRIAN PRESS CONTINUES
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1. SUMMARY: ZAIRIAN JOURNAL/OF MAY 24 DEVOTED ITS REGULAR FRONT
PAGE EDITORIAL TO A REITERATION OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S ATTACK AGAINST
BELGIAN FONMIN SIMONET (REFTELS). ENTITLED "SIMONET'S SNUB," IT
SET FORTH FOUR MAJOR GRIEVANCES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIRST GRIEVANCE WAS THAT SIMONET ALLEGEDLY HAD DERIDED THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES (FAZ) WHEN HE CLAIMED THAT
IT WAS THE BELGIAN PARAS WHICH HAD RETAKEN KOLWEZI AIRPORT RATHER
THAN FAZ. SECONDLY, ELIMA CLAIMED THAT SIMONET HAD DELAYED ACTION ON
ZAIRE'S REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR 24 HOURS, ALLEGEDLY
BECAUSE HE WISHED TO GAIN TIME FOR THE REBELS TO IMPROVE THEIR
POSITION. SIMONET'S THIRD ALLEGED AFFRONT WAS TO HAVE PROPOSED
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NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FNLC, A TACTIC WHICH FOR ELIMA RAISES QUESTION
WHETHER SIMONET IS AN FNLC SYMPATHIZER.
FINALLY, ELIMA CLAIMED THAT SIMONET WANTED TO
TRAVEL TO ANGOLA IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN CONFLICT
EVEN THOUGH ZAIRE HAD GIVEN HIM NO MANDATE TO DO SO. ELIMA REPEATED
MOBUTU'S EARLIER STATEMENT THAT WHOEVER ATTEMPTED A LUANDA/
KINSHASA RAPPROACHEMENT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE CONSIDER

ED

A PROVACATEUR.

3. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED BY CLAIMING THAT THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS
WHICH EXIST BETWEEN BELGIUM AND ZAIRE DO NOT DEPEND UPON SIMONET
AND THAT THE BELGIAN FONMIN IS IN NO POSITION TO DESTROY THEM.
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